

RIGHT—During the Lieutenant’s Professional Development Program class, 2nd Lt. Michelle Estep, 377th Air Base Wing Public Affairs, (on the ground) encourages her coworker, 2nd Lt. Rose Richeson who will rappel “Aussie style” from a rock climbing wall at the Pararescue School.

BELOW—2nd Lt. Gregory Brault, Air Force Research Laboratory, climbs the rock wall as 2nd Lt. Jennifer Jones, also of AFRL, rappels backward down the wall. Pararescuemen taught teamwork and overcoming fears to members attending Lieutenant’s Professional Development Program class.

BOTTOM—2nd Lt. Heather Pietrzyk, Airborne Laser, observes 2nd Lt. Jason Brown, Air Force Research Laboratory, performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation on a mannequin.

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Photo by Lisa Gonzales



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Photo by 2nd Lt. Michelle Estep

LEFT—2nd Lts. James Willis, 377th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Jeffrey Braxton, Space and Missile systems Center, Detachment 12, and Aaron Sauer, Airborne Laser Program Office, review personnel records during a mock promotion board taught by the Military Personnel Flight.

BELOW—Local television news anchor Tom Joles interviews 2nd Lt. Jeffery Ryan during a media training class taught by 377th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Michelle Estep

TEAM KIRTLAND lieutenants’ class develops leadership, survival skills

Kirtland AFB’s second Lieutenant’s Professional Development Program class was completed Feb. 27 with a graduating class of 26 young officers.

The program is offered every three months and consists of five half-day classes concentrating on first-term lieutenant’s survival and leadership skills as well as civilian insight into what military members need to know.

The curriculum includes discussion panels, mock boards, team building exercises and a visit to the Pararescue School where they get basic medical training and have a chance to rappel off a rock-climbing wall.

The program is different than the Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell AFB, AL, that all new lieutenants are required to attend. The LPDP does not teach doctrine, instead it provides students the

opportunity to network with each other, learn about Air Force missions, become aware of career opportunities and hear different perspectives from Senior NCOs, military leaders and civilians. LPDP falls under the Air Force Mentoring AFI and is highly encouraged at all Air Force installations.

Colonel Henry Andrews Jr., 377th Air Base Wing commander, said he is very excited about the program and has pledged to fully support it. He would like to see every lieutenant and eligible civilian on base take advantage of the opportunity to attend this course and encourages supervisors to permit such attendance.

For more information on LPDP or to register for an upcoming class, visit <https://www.ioanational.org/cgoc/> or the KAFB Extranet website under Hot Items.